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PROGRAM
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LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA MUNICIPALITIES

September 19 to 22, 1922.

Tuesday, September 19.

MORNING.

- 9.00-10.00 Registration and assignment of rooms.
10.00-11.00 Joint session with entire League.
11.00-12.00 Joint session—"Public Health," Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur,
President American Medical Association.

HEALTH OFFICERS' SECTION.

AFTERNOON.

- 2.00 1. Opening Address. Dr. W. M. Dickie, Secretary, State Board
of Health.
2. Appointment of Committees.
3. Reduction of Children's Diseases by Proper Control Measures.
Mr. Louis Olsen, Health Officer, Palo Alto.
4. Address (subject to be selected). Dr. Wm. C. Hassler, Health
Officer, San Francisco.
5. Plague in California. Senior Surgeon J. C. Perry, U. S.
Public Health Service.
6. Rabies. Dr. L. M. Powers, Health Commissioner, Los
Angeles.

EVENING.

- 8.00 Barbecue.

Wednesday, September 20.

MORNING.

- 9.00 1. Alastrim and Smallpox. Dr. John N. Force, Associate Professor Epidemiology, University of California.
Discussion led by Dr. H. E. Foster, Health Officer, Oakland.
2. Control of Smallpox. Dr. P. J. Cuneo, Health Officer, Bakersfield.
3. Control of Malaria in California. Mr. R. E. Hackley, Manager, Matadera Mosquito Abatement District, Palo Alto.
Discussion led by Dr. Sherman T. White, Health Officer, Shasta County.
4. Water Supply and Sewage Disposal for Small Units. Mr. C. G. Gillespie, C.E.

AFTERNOON.

- 2.00 1. Program for Rural Child Hygiene Work. Dr. Ellen Stadtmuller, Director, Bureau of Child Hygiene, California State Board of Health.
2. Infant and Preschool Age Period with Special Reference to Health. Dr. Adelaide Brown, Member, California State Board of Health.
3. Public Health Nursing. Mary L. Cole, R.N., Director, Public Health Nursing, American Red Cross.
4. Infectious Jaundice. Dr. Frank L. Kelly, Epidemiologist, State Board of Health.
5. Adjusting Typhoid Fever Morbidity Reports. Miss Ida May Stevens, Assistant Epidemiologist, California State Board of Health.

EVENING.

- 8.00 Joint session—"Public Health"—"The full-time public health program and its economic factors." Dr. W. M. Dickie, Secretary, State Board of Health.
- "Advantages of county, state and municipal cooperation in better local health government." Dr. J. L. Pomeroy, Los Angeles County Health Officer.

Thursday, September 21.

MORNING.

- 9.00 1. Control and Sanitation of Food Shops. Dr. Ernest C. Pape, Health Officer, Berkeley.
2. Virulence Test as Control Measure of Diphtheria. Dr. W. H. Kellogg, Director, State Hygiene Laboratory, Berkeley.
Discussion led by Dr. John N. Force, Associate Professor, Epidemiology, University of California, Berkeley.

3. Our Present Day Knowledge in the Control of Diphtheria.
Dr. E. C. Fleischner, Associate Professor of Pediatrics,
U. C. Medical School, San Francisco.

Discussion led by Dr. H. C. Brown, Health Officer, San Jose.

AFTERNOON.

Scenic drive over Santa Cruz Mountains to La Honda. Trout dinner Bonzagni's Lodge, La Honda Canyon.



ANNUAL HEALTH OFFICERS' CONFERENCE.

The final program for the annual conference of state, county and municipal health officials, to be held in Palo Alto and Stanford University, September 19th to 23d, 1922, is printed in this issue of the Weekly Bulletin.

Dr. F. W. Browning, Secretary of the Health Officers' Section of the League of California Municipalities, in conjunction with which organization the health officers' conference will be held, advises all health officers in the state to attend the conference, not only for the benefits which they will receive in the conference itself, but also that they may enjoy the attractive entertainment features that have been planned.

On the evening of the first day a barbecue will be given for all persons attending the convention, and on the afternoon of the final day the health officers will take a scenic drive over the Santa Cruz mountains to La Honda where a trout dinner will be given at Bonzagni Lodge in La Honda Canyon. Dr. Browning states that this will constitute the climax of the convention. The dinner, it is said, can not be surpassed in excellence and the drive over the mountains will be one of the most enjoyable features imaginable. There will be a number of eloquent after-dinner speakers in attendance, and this affair will probably be one of the most interesting entertainment features that has ever been staged at a health officers' conference.

The joint session with the League of California Municipalities on the evening of the second day will be one of the most important meetings of the session. At that time Dr. W. M. Dickie, Secretary of the California State Board of Health, will present his paper upon the "Full-time Health Program and Its Economic Factors." Dr. J. L. Pomeroy, Health Officer of Los Angeles County, will present a paper upon the "Advantages of County, State and Municipal Cooperation in Better Local Health Government."

Dr. E. C. Fleischner, Associate Professor of Pediatrics of the University of California Medical School, on the third day, will present a paper upon "Our Present Day Knowledge in the Control of Diphtheria."

Mention must also be made of the joint session with the league on the morning of the first day, at which time Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, President of the American Medical Association, and President of Stanford University, will present a paper on "Public Health." Dr. Wilbur's address should not be missed by any health officer in the state, and all delegates should without fail be in attendance early Tuesday morning, September 19th, in order that they may hear this important address.

MANY NEW SEWER SYSTEMS.

Nine southern California cities have voted this year nearly two million dollars to be used for the installation and improvement of their sewer systems. Following are the amounts voted by each city:

| | |
|-----------------|-----------|
| Alhambra | \$300,000 |
| La Mesa | 12,000 |
| Long Beach | 100,000 |
| Los Angeles | 475,000 |
| Pasadena | 412,000 |
| Santa Ana | 561,000 |
| San Luis Obispo | 35,000 |
| South Pasadena | 40,000 |
| Whittier | 145,000 |

Total \$1,780,000

The city of Watts has advertised for bids to install a sewer system under the Vrooman Act, at a cost of \$150,000. Glendale is constructing a sewage treatment plant at a cost of \$10,000 from funds raised previously. Culver City has \$75,000 worth of sewer bonds yet to be appropriated. In Ventura, Ojai, Pomona, Mission Beach and Burbank plans are under way for making new bond issues within the next six months.



"For full indeed is earth of woes, and full the sea; and in the day as well as night diseases unbidden haunt mankind, silently bearing ills to men."—Hesiod.

MORBIDITY.**Smallpox.**

Only three cases of smallpox were reported last week, one each from El Dorado County, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Typhoid Fever.

Nine cases of typhoid were reported last week, being distributed as follows: Los Angeles County 1, Los Angeles 5, Richmond 1 and San Francisco 2.

Epidemic Encephalitis.

Modoc County reported one case of epidemic encephalitis last week.

Anthrax.

San Joaquin County reported one case of anthrax last week.



There is good authority for the statement that from 10 to 15 per cent of the population at large could not, under ordinary circumstances, excluding the influence of accidents, be made insane. This assertion is not a rash one, although we frequently hear it said that insanity is an affliction to which all mankind are alike subject. If, then, 10 to 15 per cent of the race are proof against mental breakdown, even in this age in which insanity is so prevalent, is it not encouraging to hope that under better conditions than we now have, a much higher, yea, a very high ratio may be attained, until mental health shall cover the land as the waters cover the sea?—R. H. Chase.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE REPORT.

| Disease | 1922 | | | | 1921 | | | |
|--------------------------|-------------|---------|---------|---|-------------|---------|---------|---|
| | Week ending | | | Reports for week ending Sept. 2 received by Sept. 5 | Week ending | | | Reports for week ending Sept. 3 received by Sept. 7 |
| | Aug. 12 | Aug. 19 | Aug. 26 | | Aug. 13 | Aug. 20 | Aug. 27 | |
| Anthrax | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cerebrospinal Meningitis | 1 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 3 |
| Chickenpox | 26 | 13 | 18 | 24 | 18 | 16 | 23 | 7 |
| Diphtheria | 123 | 100 | 95 | 68 | 125 | 132 | 121 | 83 |
| Dysentery (Bacillary) | 6 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Epidemic Encephalitis | 5 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 1 |
| Gonorrhoea | 105 | 75 | 86 | 100 | 60 | 66 | 74 | 92 |
| Influenza | 7 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 2 | 12 | 12 | 3 |
| Leprosy | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Malaria | 9 | 3 | 12 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 16 |
| Measles | 9 | 9 | 12 | 5 | 10 | 6 | 7 | 2 |
| Mumps | 10 | 12 | 9 | 9 | 29 | 30 | 36 | 22 |
| Pneumonia | 43 | 29 | 40 | 38 | 28 | 74 | 29 | 34 |
| Poliomyelitis | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 4 | 8 | 9 |
| Scarlet Fever | 34 | 32 | 30 | 32 | 40 | 33 | 46 | 33 |
| Smallpox | 16 | 15 | 22 | 3 | 28 | 25 | 30 | 28 |
| Syphilis | 120 | 100 | 86 | 89 | 75 | 107 | 66 | 106 |
| Tuberculosis | 154 | 143 | 94 | 90 | 172 | 106 | 139 | 121 |
| Typhoid Fever | 35 | 28 | 27 | 9 | 36 | 42 | 30 | 23 |
| Whooping Cough | 59 | 59 | 47 | 26 | 59 | 17 | 53 | 20 |
| | 771 | 631 | 587 | 508 | 709 | 684 | 687 | 609 |